
13th DECEMBER, 1804.

AMENDMENT, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to the Bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels.

14th December, 1804.

AMENDMENT, moved to the foregoing Amendment.

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REPORTED from the Committee of the whole House, to the Bill to regulate the clearance of armed merchant vessels, to be inserted as Section 2, between the first and second sections of the original Bill.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, that if any armed merchant*
2 *vessel shall make or commit any depredation, outrage, unlawful*
3 *assault or violence, “ against any vessel or territory of a nation in*
4 *amity with the United States, or against any of the citizens or*
5 *subjects of such nation, or make any other unlawful use of the*
6 *arms on board such vessel, all persons concerned in such assault,*
7 *trespass, or other unlawful use of such arms, shall be guilty of*
8 *murder, felony, or misdemeanor, as the case shall be; and shall be*
9 *punished according as they are principals or accessaries, as in other*

10 *cases of murder, felony, or misdemeanor, by the laws of the United*
 11 *States, and before any court of the United States, having cognizance*
 12 *of the like offences, within the limits of whose jurisdiction they shall*
 13 *be found."*

AMENDMENT, moved to the foregoing Section.

1 Strike out from the words "use of the arms on board such vessel,"
 2 to the end of the section; and insert,—
 3 " If such depredation, outrage, unlawful assault or violence, shall
 4 be made or committed, as if made and committed in any place un-
 5 der the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, would be mur-
 6 der or felony; the same shall be murder or felony, as the case shall
 7 be : and the principals and accessaries concerned therein, shall be
 8 punished as they would respectively be in other cases of murder or
 9 felony, by the laws of the United States :—and if the offence be
 10 of less degree, it shall be a high misdemeanor, punishable by fine,
 11 not exceeding three thousand dollars, and imprisonment, not
 12 exceeding three years."